Price fixation of Nalidixic Acid

5657. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) When was the price of bulk drug Nalidixic Acid fixed under DPCO, 1987 and whether it is a fact that the prices of formulations have not been fixed so far;

(b) if so, whether Government have fixed responsibility for such a favoured treatment and on account of which poor patients are paying high price for Gramoneg and Gramogal range of formulations; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fix responsibility and accountability in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) to (c) M/s. Ranbaxy Labs. who manufacture the bulk drug Nalidixic Acid were granted exemption from price control during the period 4.2.91 to 31.10.92. On expiry of this period, action was initiated to study and fix the notified price of the bulk drug. The price of the bulk drug was notified on 23.11.94. The price of formulations based on the bulk drug were fixed on 6.4.95.

Companies allowed to raise foreign equity

5658. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drug companies who have been allowed to raise their foreign equity, extent upto which rise has been permitted, number of shares permitted to be issued, consideration received and the market price of shares at that time;

(b) the additional and new activity for which rise in equity was permitted;

(c) whether any of these drug companies have also been permitted to open 100% subsidiaries in the country and if so, what are their names and what were the compelling reasons to give such permissions; and

(d) the additional and new activities for which 100% subsidiaries have been permitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMCALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

प्रपुंज भेषज के सूत्रयोगों के मूल्य और उनके प्राप्ति मूल्य में अंतर की वसूली करना

5659. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू:** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कि औषधि (मूल्य नियंत्रण) आदेश, 1979 के अनुच्छेद 7(2) में सरकार को सूत्रयोगों में प्रपुंज भेषजों के अनुमत्य मूल्य और सभी 345 अतिरिक्त मूल्य नियंत्रित प्रपुंज भेषजों से संबंधित प्रपुंज भेषजों के प्राप्ति मूल्य के बीच के अंतर को वसूल करने का अधिकार प्राप्त है;

(ख) किन-किन प्रपुंज भेषजों के अंतर की वसूली के लिए नोटिस भेजे गए थे और ये नोटिस पहली बार कब-कब भेजे गए थे;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि शेष प्रपुंज भेषजों हेतु नोटिस जारी नहीं किए गए हैं, और

(घ) सभी प्रपुंज भेषजों के संबंध में नोटिस जारी करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो): (क) डी पी सी ओ, 1979 के पैरा 7(2) में सरकार को इस प्रकार की वसूली करने का अधिकार है।

(ख) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Representation on the import policy of Rifa-S

5660. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representatiioin from the manufacturers

of Rifampicin particularly on import policy of Rifa-S;

(b) if so, the points made in regard to (i) price control (ii) ratio change (iii) pricing one sided policy for protection of just two manufacturers at the cost of all other SSI units and general observations and specific suggestions made therein;

(c) the reaction of Government to the suggestions and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) the specific steps proposed to bring down the prices of Rifampicin for the treatment of T.B. under National T.B. eradication programme and for checking unfair trade practices by the two protected units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Suggestions/proposals have been reveived from various quarters, including the manufacturers of Rifampicin and these have been considered for deciding on the Rifampicin Intermediates Policy for 1995-96 which is under finalisation.

(d) The Rifampicin Intermediates Policy and the various measures proposed in the Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986 and the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 aim to achieve abundant availability, at reasonable prices of essential and life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality.

Leakage of Gas from RCF plant

5661. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there was a heavy leakage of gas from the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Plant at Chembur in North-East Bombay on 13th April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether there has been any loss of life and property as a result thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken so as to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There was an accidental release of ammonia gas on 13.4.1995 for a very short duration at the Trombay plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) due to malfunctioning of control valve/transmitter.

(b) There was no loss of life or property due to the release of ammonia gas.

(c) RCF has already taken remedial action by overhauling the defective instruments in the plant.

Letters by Membes

5662. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith year-wise details;

(b) the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) 579

(b) 471

(c) 476

(d) Replies to the communications were given based on the facts and merits of each individual case.